

B Y - L A W S
OF THE
BOSTON ENCAMPTMENT
OF
KNIGHTS TEMPLARS,
AND THE
APPENDANT ORDERS.



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A R T I C L E I .

OF WHOM THE ENCAMPMENT IS COMPOSED.

TIME OF MEETING.

Section 1. The Boston Encampment of Knights Templars, and the Appendant Orders, shall consist of a Grand Commander, Generalissimo, Captain General, Prelate, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Treasurer, Recorder, Sword Bearer, Standard Bearer, Warder, three Captains of Guards, Armorer, and Sentinel—and also of as many Knights as the majority of the members may from time to time think proper; and shall assemble on the third Wednesday of each month, at such place and hour as the Grand Commander shall direct.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Section 2. The first eight enumerated officers, shall be elected by written votes, and the others appointed by the Grand Commander, immediately after his installation.

INSTALLATION ON OFFICERS.

Section 3. The officers shall be elected annually, at the stated meeting in October, and installed as soon as may be convenient; and shall retain their offices until their successors are installed.

VACANCIES, HOW FILLED.

Section 4. Any officer elect, not being present at his election and declining to accept the office, or in case of the death or resignation of any officer, the vacancy shall be filled at the next stated meeting.

ARTICLE II.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

GRAND COMMANDER.

Section 1. It shall be the duty of the Grand Commander to convene regular and special Encampments; to preside, when present, at all such assemblies; to instruct his officers and members generally in the mysteries of the Orders; to dispense justice, reward merit, encourage truth, and diffuse the sublime principles of universal benevolence.

GENERALISSIMO.

Section 2. It shall be the duty of the Generalissimo to assist the Grand Commander in his

various duties; to receive his orders on all occasions, and see them duly executed; and in the absence of the Grand Commander, to command the Encampment.

CAPTAIN GENERAL.

Section 3. It shall be the duty of the Captain General to proclaim the orders of the Grand Commander; assist him in council, and to preside in the Encampment in the absence of the Commander and Generalissimo.

PRELATE.

Section 4. The Prelate shall perform the various duties incumbent on the Chaplains of the Orders of Masonry.

WARDENS.

Section 5. The Wardens shall prepare the candidate; accompany him through the ceremonies, and introduce him into the Encampment.

TREASURER.

Section 6. The Treasurer shall receive the revenue from the Recorder, and pay all demands against the Encampment. He shall keep a just account of all he receives and pays, and exhibit the same when required; and deliver to his successor in office, within thirty days after the elec-

tion, all the property of the Encampment, remaining in his possession.

RECORDER.

Section 7. The Recorder shall issue notifications to the members when directed, inserting the names, places of abode and occupation of all Candidates, and the special business of the meeting ; shall observe with attention the transactions of the Encampment, and keep a true record of the same ; collect the revenue, and pay it to the Treasurer ; shall serve the Chairman of each committee with a copy of the vote by which they were appointed, and attend their sessions if required ; and at the annual meeting he shall exhibit a fair account of all the money by him received and paid.

SWORD BEARER.

Section 8. The Sword Bearer shall assist in the protection of the banners of the Order ; watch all signals from the Grand Commander, and see his orders duly executed.

STANDARD BEARER.

Section 9. The Standard Bearer shall display, support and protect the banner of the Order.

WARDER.

Section 10. The Warder shall see the Encampment duly guarded, and the Sentinels at their respective posts ; shall communicate to the Grand Commander all petitions and requests for admission and favors, and return his answers accordingly.

GUARDS.

Section 11. The Guards shall challenge with spirit, examine with caution, admonish with candor, relieve cheerfully, protect with fidelity, and valiantly defend their posts.

ARMORER.

Section 12. The Armorer shall have in charge all the furniture, regalia and arms of the Encampment ; see that they are kept in good order and fit for use ; and, at the Annual Election of Officers, he shall make a return in writing to the Standing Committee, of every article in his department.

SENTINEL.

Section 13. The Sentinel shall guard with vigilance the avenues to the asylum ; give the alarm when necessary, and discharge such other duties as may be required of him by the Grand Commander.

A R T I C L E III.
CANDIDATES FOR MEMBERSHIP.
WHEN BALLOTED FOR.

Section 1. Candidates for membership shall be balloted for after eight o'clock, P. M., at stated meetings only, having stood proposed one month, and their names being inserted in the notifications for the meeting at which the balloting takes place, and the unanimous vote of the members present shall be necessary to their admission; and no one shall be entitled to the privileges of member, until he has signed the by-laws and paid the fee.

FORFEITURE OF MEMBERSHIP.

Section 2. Any member, (honorary excepted) absenting himself six months successively, or neglecting to pay his quarterages or assessments for one year, shall forfeit his membership, unless a satisfactory excuse be offered, three months notice being given by the Recorder to said delinquent.

NEGLECT TO SIGN BY-LAWS.

Section 3. Any Knight Templar who may be admitted a member, and who shall refuse or neglect to sign the by-laws and pay the fee,

during six months after his admission, must submit to the forms of being re-proposed, and again balloted for.

HONORARY MEMBERS,—HOW ADMITTED.

Section 4. Knights Templars who have been eminently useful to the Institution generally, or to this Encampment particularly, may be admitted Honorary Members, by being proposed and balloted for in the same manner as provided for full members: they shall not be subject to quarterages or assessments, but may enjoy all the rights and privileges of members.

DONATION TO WIDOW OF DECEASED MEMBER.

Section 5. On the decease of any member, the Treasurer shall, under the direction of the Grand Commander, pay to his widow or orphan, thirty dollars from the funds of the Encampment.

A R T I C L E IV.

COMMITTEES.

STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE ENCAMPMENT.

Section 1. The Grand Commander, Generallissimo and Captain General, shall be a Standing Committee, whose duty it shall be to audit the accounts of the Treasurer and Recorder,

and report at the annual meeting; to examine the bills against the Encampment, and if approved, one at least of the Committee shall sign them for payment by the Treasurer.

The Standing Committee shall examine and decide all excuses for the breach of these by-laws, and transact generally the financial concerns of the Encampment.

REPORTS AND EXPENSES OF COMMITTEES.

Section 2. All Committees, except the Standing Committee, shall report their doings at the meeting next after their appointment. The expenses of all Committees shall be defrayed by the Encampment.

ARTICLE V.

CANDIDATES FOR THE ORDERS.

TERMS OF THE ORDERS.

Section 1. Every candidate for the Orders, shall make application in writing, inclosing the fee of thirty dollars, accompanied by a certificate from three Royal Arch Masons, certifying that he has regularly received the degree of Royal Arch Mason and appendant degrees; is of good moral character and respectability; and shall stand proposed from one meeting to another,

being not less than fourteen days intervening, (unless in case of emergency a dispensation be obtained;) and before a ballot shall be taken, he shall satisfy a Committee respecting his knowledge and proficiency in the preceding Degrees, and the unanimous vote of the members present, only, shall admit him. If not accepted, the fee shall be returned. In no case shall the name of a candidate for the Orders be placed on the notification until his written application, in due form, with the fee, shall be placed in the hands of the Recorder.

EXPENSES OF SPECIAL MEETINGS.

Section 2. When a special Encampment shall be called at the request of a candidate for the purpose of receiving the Orders, he shall defray the expenses, or such part of them as the Standing Committee shall think proper, in addition to the usual fees.

ARTICLE VI.

UNIFORM OF KNIGHTS TEMPLARS.

The uniform of the Order of Knights Templars, as established by the General Grand Encampment, is a black coat, waistcoat, and breeches or pantaloons, and boots; a cocked hat,

black cockade and black feather ; a sword, sash and apron, decorated agreeably to the usage of the Order. And it shall be the duty of every member, to provide himself with the said uniform as soon as convenient.

N. B. By the regulations adopted May 21, 1851, no person will be admitted into the line unless in *Full Uniform and Regalia*, viz.:—Black dress Coat; black Pants; black Vest; black Stock; Chapeau, with black Feather; buff Gauntlets, and Sword, Sash and Apron, decorated agreeably to the usage of the Order.

R U L E S O F O R D E R .

1. The Encampment shall be formed precisely at the time appointed by the Grand Commander, and shall be disbanded at or before ten o'clock, P. M., unless urgent business require a later attendance.

2. All debates shall be determined by a majority of the members present.

3. No member shall interrupt another while speaking, nor shall be permitted himself to speak more than twice upon the same question, except to explain.

4. Should disputes of any kind unhappily arise among the members, it shall be the duty of the Grand Commander, upon application of the

party aggrieved, or any three of the members, forthwith to convene the Knights ; and after a patient and impartial investigation of the cause of complaint, the determination of the Knights present shall be decisive—the Grand Commander having in all cases the casting vote.

5. Order is heaven's first law, and no society can exist without a due observance of it ; the orders, therefore, of the Grand Commander shall be implicitly obeyed. He shall be addressed by the Knights standing, uncovered, and by the title of Most Eminent.

6. The Knights shall address each other by the title, Brother Knight, or Sir,—and shall observe on all occasions the most kind and courteous behavior towards each other.

 These By-Laws shall not be altered or repealed until reported, by a Committee chosen forth at purpose, at a previous meeting ; nor without the concurrence of two-thirds of the members present.

T A B L E O F F E E S.

Every Candidate for the Orders shall pay	\$30 00
Every Candidate for Membership, if Knighted in this Encampment, shall pay on admission	5 00
And if not Knighted in this Encampment	10 00
For each Diploma there shall be paid to the Recorder	2 00
For each Letter of Recommendation,	1 00
Every Member (except honorary, and others hereafter named,) shall pay quarterly,	50
The Recorder shall be allowed and paid every meeting he attends,	3 00
The Sentinel shall be paid for every meeting he attends,	2 00
The Treasurer, Recorder and Armorer shall be exempt from quarterages.	

PAST COMMANDERS OF THE
BOSTON ENCAMPMENT.

NAME.	WHEN ELECTED.
HENRY FOWLE,*	December, 1805.
ROBERT LASH,	May, 1824.
JOHN J. LORING,	October, 1825.
ABRAHAM A. DAME,	October, 1827.
EDWARD A. RAYMOND,	October, 1830.
THOMAS POWER,	October, 1832.
JOHN HEWS,	April, 1833.
GILBERT NURSE,	October, 1835.
JOHN FLINT,	December, 1836.
CHARLES W. MOORE,	October, 1838.
DANIEL HARWOOD,	October, 1839.
RUEL BAKER,*	October, 1841.
JOHN B. HAMMATT,	October, 1842.
WINSLOW LEWIS, JR.,	October, 1844.
JOHN R. BRADFORD,	October, 1846.
SAMUEL PEARCE,	October, 1848.
DANIEL HARWOOD,	October, 1850.

* Deceased.

L I S T O F M E M B E R S .

MEMBERS' NAMES.	WHEN ADMITTED.
1. JOHN B. HAMMATT,	March 19, 1806.
2. ROBERT LASH,	" "
3. SAMUEL WALES,	December 1, 1819.
4. A. A. DAME,	March 12, 1822.
5. CHARLES WILLIAMS,	December 16, 1825.
6. JOHN HEWS,	November 15, 1826.
7. GILBERT NURSE,	November 19, 1828.
8. JOHN FLINT,	April 18, 1832.
9. WINSLOW LEWIS,	May 16, 1832.
10. DANIEL HARWOOD,	" "
11. AMOS STEVENS,	June 20, 1832.
12. Z. B. PORTER,	" "
13. BENJAMIN D. BALDWIN,	February 18, 1835.
14. JOHN R. BRADFORD,	January 18, 1837.
15. HUGH H. TUTTLE,	February 22, 1837.
16. LUTHER HAMILTON,	June 19, 1839.
17. JACOB S. SAVAGE,	November 20, 1839.
18. JOHN STEVENS,	March 18, 1840.
19. C. SOUTHWORTH,	June 16, 1841.
20. JOHN K. SIMPSON,	March 20, 1844.
21. PETER DUNBAR,	" "
22. F. C. RAYMOND,	" "
23. WILLIAM B. HAWES,	" "
24. PETER C. JONES,	" "
25. SAMUEL PEARCE,	" "
26. CALVIN WHITING,	" "
27. JAMES DERBY,	May 15, 1844.
28. ALBERT GRISWOLD,	" "
29. GEORGE M. THACHER,	" "
30. E. M. P. WELLS,	November 20, 1844.
31. LOYAL LOVEJOY,	December 18, 1844.
32. WILLIAM B. OLIVER,	February 19, 1845.
33. LEWIS RICE,	April 16, 1845.

34. JUSTIN E. STEVENS,	September 17, 1845.
35. JOSEPH B. SMITH,	" "
36. NEWELL A. THOMPSON,	" "
37. JOHN McCLELLAN,	" "
38. JOSEPH BARNARD,	December 16, 1846.
39. DANIEL BAXTER,	January 20, 1847.
40. JOHN F. EDWARDS,	" "
41. GEORGE TUCKER,	March 17, 1847.
42. EBENEZER SMITH,	November 17, 1847.
43. NAHUM BALL,	" "
44. WM. W. BAKER,	" "
45. JOSEPH HALL,	January 19, 1848.
46. ABNER W. POLLARD,	" "
47. ELISHA V. GLOVER, Jr.,	September 20, 1848.
48. DOLLIVER JOHNSON,	April 18, 1849.
49. NOAH BUTTS,	May 16, 1849.
50. JOSEPH ELLIS,	" "
51. HENRY M. WOODWARD,	September 19, 1849.
52. FRANCIS A. HIRSCH,	" "
53. N. Y. CULBERTSON,	" "
54. JONATHAN M. MARSTON,	" "
55. JOHN K. HALL,	October 17, 1849.
56. PRENTICE CUSHING,	" "
57. STEPHEN LOVELL,	February 20, 1850.
58. GEORGE STIMPSON, Jr.,	" "
59. JONATHAN PIERCE,	September 18, 1850.
60. WILLIAM R. DAVIS,	November 20, 1850.
61. FRANCIS TUKEY,	December 18, 1850.
62. JOSEPH BEDLOW,	January 15, 1851.
63. PETER LAWSON,	February 19, 1851.
64. SAMUEL W. BROWN,	" "
65. C. B. F. ADAMS,	March 19, 1851.
66. BENJAMIN F. TENNEY,	" "
67. SAMUEL G. TOWER,	April 16, 1851.
68. CALVIN M. THOMPSON,	" "
69. WILLIAM ELLISON,	October 15, 1851.